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**BALTIMORE FELON EXILED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR POSSESSING A GUN**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles, Jr. sentenced Crosby Parham, age 24, of Baltimore today to the statutory maximum of 10 years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a gun, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Parham has two previous felony convictions for manufacturing a controlled substance.

According to the guilty plea, Parham possessed a .40 caliber pistol on December 27, 2006 at his residence. At the time, he had previously been convicted of a felony. Heroin and cocaine were also found in the residence.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy, the Baltimore City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant U.S. Attorney James G. Warwick, who prosecuted the case.